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CONTINGENCY PLAN FOR HEALTH SECTOR
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government propose to prepare a comprehensive contingency plan for health sector to meet any eventuality including a nuclear strike;

(b) if so, by when the above plan is likely to be ready; and

(c) the details of inputs of the reports including the involvement of various ministries viz., department of Atomic Energy, Ministry of Environment and Forest etc. in the preparation of plan?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a) to (c) On the request of Ministry of Home Affairs, health sector contingency plan to deal with the situationarising out of the chemical, biological and nuclear war has been prepared by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and forwarded to them for necessary action in coordination with all concerned nodal and supportive departments. The salient features of the plan are constitution of a crisis management group and a technical committee to advise, identification of hospitals for finitive care along with logistic support system, public health measures required to be taken for management of the situation during post disaster period, listing of NBC equipments, procedures for handling and decontamination of the affected victims and list of essential drugs.